

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN KANSAS CITY HOSPITAL'S?

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OUR START:

- **1998 – KC identified as one of first 25 MMRS (Metropolitan Medical Response Systems) cities. KC took regional approach including surrounding communities and established a multi-disciplinary group (fire, police, EMS, Public Health, and hospitals) to discuss and create a plan to better prepare our communities in an all hazards approach.**
- **2000 – Our metro efforts were designated as the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee with the Mid-America Regional Council becoming the administrator over grants received. The MARC region serves 1.7 million people in the KC Metro Area. This includes 8 counties, 116 cities, 2 states and 10 disciplines in the emergency services field.**
- **2004 – KC designated as an Urban Area Security Initiative city.**

WORKING TOGETHER:

- **The subcommittees of the RHSCC recognized that the ability of any single jurisdiction was dependent on a regional approach.**
- **Hospitals initiated mutual aid agreements within the metro area crossing state lines and into corresponding state regions.**

WE IDENTIFIED VUNERABILITIES AND THREATS:

- **Investments made within the region were made to prepare for WMD events as well as to increase the ability to respond to natural disasters.**

HOSPITALS ARE:

- **Training responders on CBRNE incidents through our exercise and training programs that are funded through Federal, State, and DHSS grants.**

- **Training responders through participation in exercises:**
 - a. **All KC metro bi-state hospitals participated with Public Health in Missouri's first Strategic National Stockpile Full Scale Drill in June 2004.**
 - b. **Have developed and conducted three biological table top drills.**
 - c. **Participated in three full-scale community wide hazardous material mass casualty exercises.**
- **Developing/expanding surge capacity:**
 - a. **Nine Tier One Hospitals received trailers with supplies and equipment to expand surge capacity in KC Metro area by 1000 individuals.**
 - b. **Nine Tier One Hospitals have received supplies and equipment to increase decon capabilities.**
- **Increasing ability to communicate and manage information:**
 - a. **All metro hospitals now have 800MHz radios.**
 - b. **Tier One Hospitals have satellite telephones.**
 - c. **Have participated in the development of the Metropolitan Emergency Information Server (MEIS) that enables us to share policies, procedures, available equipment and a list of personnel that are available to be deployed on mutual aid.**
 - d. **Each hospital is currently developing a list of personnel with their training, credentials, and medical information that can be verified through the Personnel Accountability Security System. This tracking system will coordinate with the MEIS to insure identity/accountability on those personnel providing mutual aid.**
 - e. **Hospital sub-committee is in process of developing a Web EOC screen that will coordinate with local emergency operations centers.**
 - f. **Have adopted patient tracking system utilized by Hospitals, EMS, Public Health and Red Cross during mass casualty incidents.**
 - g. **Four metro hospitals now have HAM Radio systems available for use during mass casualty incidents.**
 - h. **All metro hospitals and public health departments have received the Next Genisis Mass Prophylaxis computerized system.**

HOSPITALS WILL CONTINUE TO:

- **Work with the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee to better prepare our community for an all hazards approach by:**
 - a. **participating on the Exercise and Training Sub-Committee.**
 - b. **participating on the Resource Committee.**
 - c. **participating on the MARCER Committee.**
 - d. **assisting with development of and participation in community table-top and full scale exercises.**
 - e. **participating with local emergency managers.**
 - f. **continuing to train our responders.**
 - g. **continuing to look for ways to expand our surge capacity.**
 - h. **continuing to look for ways to expand our decon capabilities.**

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